

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the claims

Claim 1, line 1, --cellulose—has been inserted before "film" and "sequential" has been deleted; line 6, "; and" has been deleted and replaced with --while drying--; line 7, "providing" has been deleted; line 7, "having" has been changed to --to—

Claim 15, line 1, --cellulose—has been inserted before "film" and "sequential" has been deleted; line 7, "; and" has been deleted and replaced with --while drying--; line 8, "providing" has been deleted; line 8, "having" has been changed to --to—

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Gallagher on July 17, 2008.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant claims are considered to be allowable over the prior art of record in that such art does not disclose, teach or suggest the overall aspects of making a cellulose film by casting a dope on a support, stripping the dope from the support to form a film, subjecting the film to a tentering while drying it to a solvent content of 3-8 weight percent, subjecting the

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film to a roll drying while the film is kept within a temperature range of the glass transition temperature minus 15 deg C to the glass transition temperature and keeping the rate of expansion of the film in the machine direction within the range of -2% to 3%. It is also noted that Table 1 in the instant specification essentially shows that violating the numerical limits on these parameters results in a film that is defective, something one of ordinary skill would not have been able to predict.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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